

### **Remarks**

Claims 1 to 33 and 41 were previously cancelled. Claims 34 to 40 and 42 to 46 are pending and under consideration.

#### **Rejection of claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,087,112**

The Examiner rejected claims 34 to 36, 40, 42, and 44 to 46 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 to 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,087,112. See Action at pages 2 to 3. Solely to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the rejection, applicant encloses a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,087,112 and the required fee of \$110.00. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

#### **Rejection of claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,440,723**

The Examiner rejected claims 34 to 36, 40, 42, and 44 to 46 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 to 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,440,723. See Action at page 3. Solely to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the rejection, applicant encloses a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,440,723 and the required fee of \$110.00. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

#### **Rejection of claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,562,569**

The Examiner rejected claims 34 to 36, 38 to 40 and 43 to 46 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 to 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,562,569. See Action at page 3. Solely to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the rejection, applicant encloses a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent

No. 6,562,569 and the required fee of \$110.00. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

**Objection to claim 37**

The Examiner objects to claim 37 as being dependent from a rejected claim. See Action at page 3. Claim 37 depends from independent claim 34. Because applicant has filed three terminal disclaimers with this response to obviate the three double-patenting rejections of claim 34, claim 37 should now depend from an allowable claim. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's objection.

**Conclusion**


Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance and requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner does not consider the application to be in condition for allowance, applicant requests that she call the undersigned at (650) 849-6658 to set up an interview.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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